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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the POTSDAM Area (until the end of June 1949)

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a. The kasernes in the area of POTSDAM (N 53/Z 63) were heavily occupied by troops. No heavy weapons were observed. +

b. Numerous new troops, artillery and tank troops, have been seen in the POTSDAM area since about 10 June 1949.

c. A high headquarters, General SHUKOV allegedly commanding, was observed in the buildings of the "Friesicks & Hoepfner" Firm, BABELSBERG.

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25 June until the end of June 1949

2. Several groups of 50 to 60 soldiers, 19 to 20 years of age, were arriving daily in POTSDAM after 25 June 1949. Most of these troops wore black-bordered, red epaulets, some black epaulets with the crossed-hammer insignia.

3. ☐ Comment:

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a. From previous information it is assumed that artillery units are located in POTSDAM-WILDPARK (including component units of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig, according to the observation of weapons ☐ The field units of these artillery units have been in ALTEGRABOW and presumably in ARNSTADT since May 1949, while the recruit units remained in the kasernes for training. It is possible that more recruits arrived in POTSDAM in June 1949 (see par. 1, b and 2).

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b. The high headquarters in BABELSBERG (buildings of the "Friesicke & Hoepfner" Firm) is assumed to belong to the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG). ☐ presumably mistook Genarmy CHUIKOV for General SHUKOV.

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4. ☐ Comment: About 80 guns of 100 to 210 mm caliber were observed in POTSDAM/WILDPARK ☐ several weeks before the date of observation.

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